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CRIME AGAINST WOMEN CHILDREN AND FEMALE FOREIGNERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crime against women, children and female foreigners is on the increase in the country as per the findings of the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB);

(b) if so, the total number of such cases registered during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and crimewise;

(c) the total number of accused persons arrested and action taken against them during the said period, State-wise, yearwise;

(d) whether some States have set up any juvenile police units and Women and Child Protection Bureau, to deal with such crimes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of measures taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): According to the information furnished by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) there has been mixed trend in crime against Women & Children. While such cases have increased in some States, these have decreased in others. Information on crime committed against female foreigner is not maintained by NCRB separately.

(b) & (c): National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) complies data on crime on annual basis. According to NCRB the number of cases registered, number of persons arrested, charge-sheeted and convicted during the last three years i.e. 2005, 2006 to 2007 State-wise l at Annexure −I.

(d) & (e): The information is being collected from States/UTs.

(f): As per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India "Police" and 'Public Order' are State subjects and, as such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Government. The Union Government, however, attaches highest importance to the matter of prevention of crime and impresses upon State Government and UT Administration from time to time, to give focused attention to the prevention and control of crimes within their jurisdiction with special emphasis on prevention of crime against vulnerable sections of the society, including Women and Children.